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COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT NO. [REDACTED]

TOPIC Military Information from Leipzig

25X1 EVALUATION [REDACTED] PLACE OBTAINED [REDACTED] 25X1

DATE OF CONTENT 21 August to 7 September 1953

25X1 DATE OBTAINED [REDACTED] DATE PREPARED 1 October 1953

REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

REMARKS

25X1 SOURCE [REDACTED]

1. Between 3 and 7 September 1953, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoena quartered about 250 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. On 3 September, 50 to 60 soldiers engaged in basic training without weapons and 2 groups, each of 10 soldiers, engaged in firing practice with carbines. Three officers with artillery insignia and 16 soldiers practiced with 4 mortars of about 50 mm caliber, while another 25 to 30 soldiers engaged in field training, on the training grounds south of the installation. Source believed that 100 to 125 soldiers, allegedly young recruits, had arrived during the last two or three weeks.

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2. Between 3 and 7 September, the barracks installation in Leipzig-Heiterblick was occupied by 250 to 300 troops who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The troops included 100 to 150 recruits. On 5 September, soldiers engaged in maintenance duty on 8 trucks, while, at 9 a.m., 1 T-34 tank and a tank chassis, each carrying 8 to 10 soldiers, drove from the installation to the troop training grounds.

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3. On 7 September, the Hindenburg Kaserne quartered only a guard detachment. Sentries wore black-bordered blue epaulets. Two air force officers stood in front of the installation.

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On 7 September, no activity was noticed at the Treitschke Kaserne. Sentries wore black-bordered crimson epaulets. Officers and women with black-bordered crimson epaulets walked to, and from, the installation.

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4. On 7 September, the Train Kaserne was occupied by 100 to 150 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Maintenance duty was done on 5 trucks while three groups of 8 to 10 soldiers each practiced firing.

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At 5 p.m., 1 sergeant and 12 soldiers equipped with carbines marched to the garrison hospital, presumably for guard relief. [REDACTED]

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5. Prior to 5 September, the Flak Kaserne in Leipzig-Schoenau appeared to have been occupied more heavily than was observed before. Source believed that recruits have arrived. Soldiers seen in traffic to the installation wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery and motor transport insignia. On 21 August, 40 soldiers engaged in athletic exercises while about 80 other soldiers on Kirchberg hill practiced aiming with rifles and the laying of field cables. On 30 August, armored personnel carrier No 710, occupied by two soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets, moved out of the installation. On 3 September, armored personnel carrier No 716 was parked at the installation, while 15 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets practiced signaling with flags. About 30 soldiers engaged in combat practice about 1 km north of the installation. [REDACTED]

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1. [REDACTED] Comment. The units of the 8th Gds Mecz Div and of the Eight Gds Army stationed in the two installations are still carried at the troop training grounds. It appears that, except for the unidentified tank training battalion of the 8th Gds Mecz Div in the Heiterblick Kaserne, only rear details are stationed in the installations. [REDACTED]

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2. [REDACTED] Comment. The Hindenburg Kaserne and Train Kaserne are still occupied by an air force construction unit and repair shop respectively. [REDACTED]

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3. [REDACTED] Comment. The MVD unit stationed in the Troitschke Kaserne was identified at the Otterwisch troop training grounds in August. [REDACTED]

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